AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

1.   (Currently Amended) A method for automatically filing documents relating to business transactions using a computer system, the method comprising:

producing at least one input data record from data relating to a business transaction, the input data record having a structure specific to a class of business transactions and to one or more business applications;

transforming the at least one input data record into an output data record designed for access by at least two business applications having different data requirements, wherein the output data record comprises a document including different data areas; and

storing the output data record with an identification code; and, wherein

reading, by the at least two business applications, the different data areas in the output data record depending on the data requirements of can be read in full or in part by the at least two business applications by referring to the identification code.

2.   (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1, wherein the producing step is performed using a first program module, the transforming step is performed using a second program module, and the input data record having the structure is

transferred from the first program module via an interface to the second program module.

3.   (Previously Presented) The method of claim 2, wherein each business application is stored in the form of a third program module.

4.   (Previously Presented) The method of claim 3, wherein the second program module is in a form such that the transforming step can be set via an interface using the third program module.

5.   (Previously Presented) The method of claim 3, wherein the second program module is in a form such that it can read data, which can be selected using the at least two business applications, from the output data record upon a data request from the third program module and can transfer the data to the third program module via an interface for further processing or display.

6.   (Previously Presented) The method of claim 5, wherein the selectable data can be selected by the third program module.

7.   (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1, wherein the output data record is stored on a transactional basis.

8.   (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1, wherein the output data record includes, for a plurality of business applications, a database structure having one or more tables.

9.   (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1, wherein the output data record includes, for different journals in accounting, different data areas.

10.   (Currently Amended) A computer system for automatically filing documents relating to business transactions using a computer system, the computer system comprising:

a first program module that stores at least one input data record from data relating to a business transaction, the input data record having a structure specific to a class of business transactions and to one or more business applications;

a second program module that transforms the at least one input data record into an output data record designed for access by at least two business applications having different data requirements, wherein the output data record comprises a document including different data areas; and

a storage module that stores the output data record with an identification code, wherein the different data areas in the output data record can be read by the at least two business applications depending on the data requirements of in full or in part by the at least two business applications by referring to the identification code.

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16.   (Previously Presented) The computer system of claim 10, wherein the input data record having the structure is transferred from the first program module via an interface to the second program module.

17.   (Previously Presented) The computer system of claim 10, wherein each business application is stored in a third program module.

18.   (Previously Presented) The computer system of claim 17, wherein the second program module transforms the at least one input data record into the output data record via an interface that uses the third program module.

19.   (Previously Presented) The computer system of claim 17, wherein the second program module reads data, which can be selected using the at least two business applications, from the output data record upon a data request from the third program module and can transfer the data to the third program module via an interface for further processing or display.

20.   (Previously Presented) The computer system of claim 19, wherein the selectable data can be selected by the third program module.

21.   (Previously Presented) The computer system of claim 10, wherein the output data record is stored on a transactional basis.

22.   (Previously Presented) The computer system of claim 10, wherein the output data record includes for a plurality of business applications, a database structure having one or more tables.

23.   (Previously Presented) The computer system of claim 10, wherein the output data record includes for different journals in accounting, different data areas.

24.   (Currently Amended) A computer program stored in a computer readable medium, the computer program executing instructions according to a method, the method comprising:

producing at least one input data record from data relating to a business transaction, the input data record having a structure specific to a class of business transactions and to one or more business applications;

transforming the at least one input data record into an output data record designed for access by at least two business applications having different data requirements, wherein the output data record comprises a document including different data areas; ~~and~~

storing the output data record with an identification code; and,~~wherein~~

reading, by the at least two business applications, the different data areas in the output data record depending on the data requirements of ~~can be read in full or in part~~ ~~by~~ the at least two business applications by referring to the identification code.

25.   (New) The method of claim 1, further comprising adding data from a
database application to the output data record.

26.   (New) The computer system of claim 10, further comprising a database
application for adding data to the output data record.

27.   (New) The computer program of claim 24, further comprising adding data
from a database application to the output data record.